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Patent Application of: :
NARUI et al. : Attorney Docket: 37026-88081
Serial No.: 10/618,374 : Group Art Unit: 2815
Filed: July 11, 2003 : Examiner: Mr. Eugene Lee
TITLE: IMAGE SENSOR

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply to the Office action of December 21, 2005 in the above identified application, due March 21, 2006. Please extend the period for filing a reply for one month, for an extended due date of April 21, 2006.

The fee for extension of time (less the small entity reduction if applicable) of \$120.00 is:
 Submitted herewith.
 Please charge Deposit Account 07-1985 for the amount of \$120.00.

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Showing of Due Care and Inability to Respond Within Time Set for Response

Nature of Delay: Petition for extension of the time for response.

Showing of Need and Special Circumstances: The extension was needed because of the complexity of issues in this large application of many claims and length of the necessary disclosure of the application and its many claims, and because of the necessary coordination of the matter to obtain instructions regarding response from applicant representative of Japan, and communication between said representative and Applicants and their company.

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Showing of Due Care: The applicants, applicants' representative in Japan, and U.S. representatives of applicants all acted with due diligence and rapidity, using electronic communication. All communications between the undersigned and applicants were made diligently, by most efficient means, with due dispatch and with due care. Attention was duly given to docket matters in sequence. Despite due care, there was inability of applicants to advise the undersigned in the specifics of response within the set time for response for the reasons set forth above. In view of the foregoing, additional time was required in order to respond to the Official Action, there being required multiple communications by the undersigned with applicants' representative in Japan, and the additional time is further well-justified because of there having been interview with examiner, requiring further communications by the undersigned with applicants' representative in Japan, and according to information and belief of the undersigned, further necessary communications of applicants' representative in Japan and communication between the applicant's assignee company.

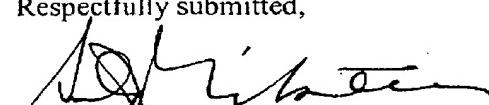
A one-month extension is reasonable under the circumstances and is necessary in fairness to applicants and applicants' assignee.

Request for Disposition. In view of these circumstances, the granting of the petition is requested; and the Patent and Trademark Office should not subtract from the ultimate term of the patent the term of the petition for extension submitted herewith. This request is made in accordance with Patent Term Guarantee Act of 1999 and 37 CFR 1.701-705.

Respectfully submitted,

20 April 2006

Date


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